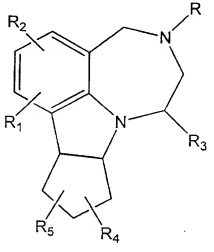
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides a process for the preparation of 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 10*a*-octahydro-7*b*H-cyclopenta[*b*][1,4]diazepino[6, 7, 1-*hi*]indole derivatives of the general formula:



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wherein: R is H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, -CH_2-cycloalkyl, acyl, aryl or aroyl; R_1, R_2, R_4 and R_5 are H, hydroxy, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, halogen, fluorinated alkyl, -CN, -NH-SO_2-alkyl, -SO_2-NH-alkyl, alkyl amide, amino, alkylamino, dialkylmino, fluorinated alkoxy, acyl, aryl or aroyl; R_3 is H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, fluorinated alkyl, alkyl sulfonamide, alkyl amide, amino, alkylamino, dialkylmino, fluorinated alkoxy, acyl, aryl or aroyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as well as intermediates for their synthesis.